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SUBJ: HOROWITZ VISIT: HOROWITZ URGES ACTIVE ZAMBIAN PARTICIPATION
IN REGIONAL LABOR MINISTER'S MEETING

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1. HOROWITZ MET PRIVATELY WITH GRZ ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY
OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES, SKETCHLEY SACIKA,
JANUARY 13. HOROWITZ SAID HE HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING
WITH MINISTER BANDA AND ASKED SACIKA TO RELAY HIS REGRET THAT
HE HAD MISSED THE MINISTER. SACIKA ASSURED HOROWITZ THAT THE
VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HIMSELF AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN EARLIER
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MEETINGS (REFTEL B) REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE MINISTER OF
LABOR.

2. SACIKA WAS INTERESTED IN THE REACTION AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE
TO HOROWITZ'S PRESENTATION. HE DID NOT SEEM DISTURBED AT
HOROWITZ'S REPORT THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN, AT BEST,
INCONCLUSIVE IN TERMS OF THE MFA'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES

INVOLVED AND UNCLEAR AS TO THE POSITION FAVORED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (REFTEL C).

3. HOROWITZ SUGGESTED THAT ON THOSE MATTERS WHERE THE US AND ZAMBIA POSITIONS WERE IN ACCORD ZAMBIA MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ILO. SACIKA REPLIED THAT THE US AND ZAMBIA SHARED THE SAME GENERAL POSITION ON THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ILO SHOULD FUNCTION. ZAMBIA WOULD SUPPORT IN THE JUNE GENERAL CONFERENCE THE REVISION OF STANDING ORDER 17 ON RECEIVABLE RESOLUTIONS IF IT CAME UP FOR CONSIDERATION. HE AND MINISTER BANDA PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPRING MEETING OF THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTER IN LIBYA. THERE ZAMBIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE A MODERATE ROLE AS IT HAD AT THE LAST TWO SUCH MEETINGS. SACIKA AGREED THAT ZAMBIA COULD WITH OTHER MODERATE COUNTRIES BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN SETTING THE TONE OF THE MEETING AND SPECIFICALLY BY SUPPORTING POSITIVE POSITIONS. SACIKA SAID IN A JOSHING MANNER THAT HE AND THE MINISTER ALSO WOULD BE GOING TO GENEVA UNLESS THE MINISTER WAS REPLACED BEFORE THEN.

4. HOROWITZ NOTED THAT WHILE THE US WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED, HE PERSONALLY WOULD WELCOME THE SELECTION OF MINISTER BANDA AS THE AFRICAN NOMINEE FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY. THIS PLEASED SACIKA AND HE OBSERVED THAT IT WAS TIME FOR AN EAST AFRICAN TO HAVE SOME RECOGNITION IN THE ILO. ZAMBIA WOULD BE GRATIFIED IF MINISTER BANDA WERE ELECTED TO THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY. LOW

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